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ASPIRA, INC. OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
APRIL 30, 1998

MINUTES

PRESENT

MERCEDES DEL VALLE RANA, Ed.D.

MARYBEL HERNANDEZ
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MARGARET ROSARIO-RIVERA

MIRVA RIVERA

IVETTE D. SANTIAGO-GREEN, Esq.

Mercedes Del Valle-Rana, Anibal Ramos, Carlos Alma, Noemi Velazquez, Lourdes Arroyo, Hector Ortiz, Gene Calderon

ABSENT

Hector Bonilla, Jorge Cruz, Ivonne Cruz, Marybel Hernandez, Mirva Rivera, Ivette D. Santiago-Green

STAFF

Roberto Del Rios, Migdalia Rodriguez

- I. Chairperson's Report - (reported by Gene Calderon, who attended meeting in Washington in place of Noemí Velazquez.
 - Ford Foundation will come to an end.
 - No further funding.
 - Monies for Health Careers Program will continue.
 - Implementation of an ASPIRA Internat system in process.
 - The National Executive Director concerned that no Board member has register for the May 16th conference.
 - National Director might not be able to hold for much longer the \$99. hotel rate for conference it could easily go up to \$200.

II. Old Business

Board of Director will meet with Dr. Hall and Ms. Silva to discuss the Alternative school project for servicing at Risk youth.
Board of Director agree that target population should not be residential non classified students.

Suggestions

Who should be targeted?
-Northward
-Middle School
-Recruit child in a monolingual setting

Concerns

Specific of program needs to be worked out.
Recommendation: - Lourdes Arroyo stated that a Consultant is a must in order to develop the curriculum.
-Mercedes Del Valle, curriculum will be provided by the Board of Education (Statewide Curriculum).

What to Expect? (meeting with Dr. Hall)

What can we offer?

Board of Director, who can we serve?

Hector Ortiz mentioned that we need to consider the required size of room/student. What is the allowable square footage?

Suggestions:

Noemi Velazquez reach out to the National Office in regards to a loan for the alternative school project. Roberto will follow up on this. Lourdes Arroyo contact Florida in regards to step taken prior to implementation of Alernative School. Gene Calderon, ASPIRA can later modify program to meet needs of the agency. Noemi Velazquez. How do we define - at Risk youth?

-Youth with a second language
Latino youth who is disaffected and disruptive

Noemi Velazquez, General announcement: Lourdes is a recipient of the National Urban fellowship program.

Noemi Velazquez, Board members attending the meeting on May 1st with Dr. Hall and Ms. Silva are as follows: Carlos Alma, Roberto Del Rio, Mirva Rivera, Mercedes Del Valle-Rana, Lourdes Arroyo, Noemi Velazquez.

Executive Director's Report

Maria Vizcarrondo-Reception on May 23rd 6-8pm 20
people will be chosen by ASPIRA-recommendation
made by Board Members.

ASPIRA is sponsoring a reception with Pepsi Cola
May 22nd at 12:00 pm at the Newark Club.

ASPIRA has entered into a partnership with Pepsi
Cola as part of the Pepsi Newark Renaissance
Scholarship. A percentage of \$\$ earn from Pepsi
products will go toward scholarships for students.

Meeting ended at 8:45pm

Next meeting May 21st